

# Friendship Heights Pedestrian-Transit Enhancement -- No. 500322

Category **Transportation**  
 Agency **Public Works & Transportation**  
 Planning Area **Bethesda-Chevy Chase**  
 Relocation Impact **None**

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 Required Adequate Public Facility **NO**

## EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY03	Est. FY04	Total 6 Years	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design and Supervision	180	0	10	170	0	0	70	35	65	0	0
Land											
Site Improvements and Utilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	700	0	0	700	0	0	0	300	400	0	0
Other											
Total	880	0	10	870	0	0	70	335	465	0	0

## FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000)

G.O. Bonds	150	0	10	140	0	0	70	70	0	0	0
Contributions	230	0	0	230	0	0	0	230	0	0	0
State Aid	500	0	0	500	0	0	0	35	465	0	0

## ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (\$000)

### DESCRIPTION

This project provides for the design and reconstruction of the median on Wisconsin Avenue (MD 355) between Willard and Western Avenues, addition of pedestrian and streetscape improvements on both sides of MD 355, construction of a separate left-turn lane southbound at Western Avenue and resurfacing of the northbound and southbound lanes of Wisconsin Avenue between Willard and Western Avenues. As a condition of approval of their site plan, New England Development will reconstruct the west curb lane and provide extensive streetscape features as called for in the Friendship Heights Sector plan. This in-kind improvement will be done directly by the developer and will be used as part of the cost for purposes of matching funds by the State. Chevy Chase Land Company will be required to provide funds to reconstruct portions of the east side. The County will be responsible for the reconstruction and landscaping of the median, streetscape improvements on the east, construction of the left-turn lane southbound at Western Avenue, and the resurfacing of Wisconsin Avenue between Willard and Western Avenues. The construction of this project will be coordinated with the work of the private developers.

### Service Area

Bethesda-Chevy Chase

### JUSTIFICATION

The project will implement recommendations of the Friendship Heights Sector Plan and provide a significant enhancement to pedestrian, transit, and traffic serviceability in this transit-friendly area. The project leverages significant private sector contributions for streetscape and pedestrian improvements.

### Plans and Studies

The Friendship Heights Sector Plan. The conceptual plans have been prepared and reviewed by the Friendship Heights Interjurisdictional Task Force. A review of impacts to pedestrians, bicycles and ADA requirements (Americans with Disabilities Act of 1991) is performed and addressed by this project. Traffic signals, streetlights, crosswalks, bus stops, ADA ramps, bikeways, and related issues are considered in the design of the project to ensure pedestrian safety.

### Cost Change

Decrease due to a more defined scope of work to be implemented by the private sector and the County.

### STATUS

Concept plans.

### FISCAL NOTE

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) has confirmed participation by up to \$500,000 for this project, by letter of May 14, 2001. The County will also negotiate an agreement with the developers so that cost increases beyond what is budgeted are covered by the developers. The County's share provides for project planning, design and supervision.

### APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA

Date First Appropriation	FY03	(\$000)
Initial Cost Estimate		1,150
First Cost Estimate		
Current Scope	FY05	880
Last FY's Cost Estimate		1,150
Present Cost Estimate		880
Appropriation Request	FY05	-1,140
Appropriation Request Est.	FY06	0
Supplemental		
Appropriation Request	FY04	0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		1,150
Expenditures/		
Encumbrances		0
Unencumbered Balance		1,150
Partial Closeout Thru	FY02	0
New Partial Closeout	FY03	0
Total Partial Closeout		0

### COORDINATION

Maryland Department of Transportation  
 Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission  
 Washington D.C. Public Works  
 Department of Permitting Services  
 Town of Friendship Heights  
 Developers  
 Commission on Aging  
 Commission on People with Disabilities  
 Montgomery County Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee

The Executive asserts that this project conforms to the requirements of relevant local plans, as required by the Maryland Economic Growth, Resource Protection and Planning Act.

